



*The Wormsley Bergamot.*

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THE WORMSLEY BERGAMOT PEAR.

We give a plate of this Pear, which was first presented to the HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY in the last Autumn, both on account of its merits, and because it affords evidence of the probable advantages of breeding varieties of this fruit between the more hardy English, and the more excellent, though delicate, French kinds. The following description of the *Wormsley Bergamot Pear* is taken from a letter, which accompanied some grafts, that were sent to the HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, in the present Spring, by Mr. ANDREW KNIGHT, by whom this Pear was obtained for seed. "I have given a description of this Pear in the Horticultural Transactions of 1800. The only fruit I had then seen was perfectly spherical, in form; but it has since been subject to much variation, some differing little in form from that of its male parent the St. Germain, and others somewhat resembling the Autumn Bergamot. I have not hitherto been able to ascertain its merits, except from the original tree, which grows in a very strong and deep red soil, which I have proved to be very unfavourable to other Pears: for both the Swan's Egg and Autumn Bergamot remain firm and unmelting till they decay; and, under these probable disadvantages, the Wormsley Bergamot is a very good melting